

LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER MILK SERVICE COMMISSION, FAVORED BY EVENING WORLD

Measure Backed by Housewives' Association to Come Up in Few Days.

GOV. SMITH IS FOR IT.

Now Partisan Body With Price Fixing Powers the Only Remedy in Sight.

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ALBANY, Jan. 29.—A bill on for discussion in a few days was introduced last week by Senator George F. Thompson to create a Milk Service Commission, with power to set the maximum price that a consumer should pay for milk.

For two years the Housewives' Protective Association of The Evening World has pointed out that this is the first step in the solution of the milk question.

Since the Thompson bill was introduced in the Senate (Assemblyman Block introduced it in the House) another similar price-fixing bill has been introduced by Senator Cotto.

There is now a definite feeling in the Legislature that a public commission, with public authority created by the Legislature, to which the consumer may look for just prices, must be established.

In interviewing the Governor in relation to the Thompson bill, when the plan was presented to him, I found that he was of the opinion that such a commission, with power as delegated to it by the Legislature, would solve the milk question. He said:

I believe that such a bill ought to pass. I am convinced more than ever that the milk business is now clothed with such a public use that it is just as important, if not more so, than present public utilities. This commission could see that a proper and just price is paid by the consumer, to say nothing of what such a commission, with sufficient power, could do to secure increased production and proper distribution.

I am in favor of such a bill. It is certainly in line with the progressive spirit of the times that the consumer be protected in what he pays for such a common necessity, and at the same time to create a public body to look into every phase of the industry in order to safeguard the rights of all concerned.

I am not in favor of creating new machinery and large commissions with the attending and unnecessary expense to the State. It seems to me that it might be well to choose members from two or three existing State agencies who would be charged with this matter.

PROPOSED BILL SAVES MACHINERY AND EXPENSE.

The Thompson bill provides that this commission shall be composed of the State Commissioner of Health, a commissioner to be appointed by the Council of Farms and Markets and one to be designated by the Governor. This would obviate new machinery and costly offices. This measure is designed to be non-partisan. James Foley, Democrat, introduced a bill in 1911 similar to this, but, in the words of the Senator, "it was a little ahead of its time and the people were not quite ready for it."

In discussing this matter, Senator Foley said: "I believe this will settle the milk question. In the present fight over milk prices, both farmers and distributors have made claim that their charges were not excessive."

"No State agency existed to investigate either cost of production or cost of distribution to the city consumers. In this situation the public has suffered, being caught between these two combinations, with resulting higher prices and lack of milk supply."

"Under the proposed bill, the power is given to make a thorough and prompt investigation of cost and ascertaining which group has been profiteering. The commission will fix the price based upon facts and the public should certainly benefit from the enactment of such law."

Senator Thompson, who introduced the bill, is also Chairman of the Committee on Public Service. He stated: "I believe this bill will be welcomed by producers, distributors and consumers. Certainly the farmer who produces the milk does not want anything but a just profit, which must be assured to encourage production. It has been told that the herds of the State are being sold and depleted because of the uncertainty of the milk business and the constant friction. I am also told that only 45 per cent of the milk production comes from this State."

WOULD PROVIDE A MARKET FOR THE FARMER.

"Such a commission as proposed would necessarily have to take into consideration the importance of increased production and to encourage it. Further, there is no reason why the fertile and excellent farm facilities of New York State cannot be made to produce all the milk used in the State. If the producer were sure of his market and his profit, there would be no question about this."

"Certainly the distributor whose business reaches such enormous proportions that the public well-

fare is at stake will not object to a bill that will protect him from confiscation of property, since, if he only seeks a just return, he will not get it under such proper authority.

"There is no more reason why the price of a car ride or the price of gas or electricity should be set by public authority than such a common necessity as milk. This principle has been upheld through all the courts. No one need go into a business that becomes of such a public necessity, but the basic law holds that if he does go into such a business he must be subject to proper regulation and price setting."

This legislation has been long advocated as the one solution to this important problem, and was urged as far back as 1909 during the O'Malley milk investigation, of which John R. Coleman, Assistant Attorney General, was chief counsel. Mr. Coleman was in Albany last week in the interest of the bill.

AIR MAIL AT NEWARK.

Postal Officials to Inspect Tract Offered for Eastern Terminal.

The Post Office Department has authorized an inspection of the Heller tract in Newark, N. J., in furtherance of a plan to establish the Eastern terminal of the aerial mail service there, according to an announcement to-day.

A committee of post office officials, consisting of James B. Corridon, Chief of Railway Mail Adjustments; Louis James Edgerton, Chief of Operation of the Aerial Service, and Dr. J. K. Bussler, Technical Chief of the Aerial Service, will visit Newark to-day and will look over the Heller tract to ascertain if it will answer the requirements of the flyers, as to starting, landing and maneuvering.

The tract, offered by Paul E. Heller for the aerial mail station, lies between the forks of the Erie Railroad and is partly covered with trees.

U. S. Steel's Pensions Now Total \$1,307,107.

The eighth annual report of the United States Steel and Carnegie Pension Fund shows that the fund since its establishment on Jan. 1, 1911, to the end of 1918 had paid to employees of the Steel Corporation and its subsidiary companies \$1,307,107.55 in pensions. Disbursements for pensions during the year 1918 are given as \$709,059.82.

HALF A BRICK IS BETTER THAN BOMB

Private Michael Feeney, Jersey, Reverted to Primeval Method to Rout Foe.

Private Michael J. Feeney of Bayonne, N. J., member of Company G, 114th Infantry, 29th Division, with his "buddy" named Brady, put a German squad to flight in the heavy St. Michel fighting with only a handful of stones. His Lieutenant, T. J. B. Lang of Jersey City, tells the story.

"The Germans evidently had determined to bomb the Americans from their positions in the woods," said the Lieutenant, "and hurled a grenade accurately upon the hole Feeney and his

bunkie were occupying. Feeney saw the grenade coming and jumped into an adjoining hole, pulling his bunkie with him. But he couldn't save his equipment. His rifle was ruined. There were no grenades, so Feeney, gathering a handful of stones, stood up in plain view and threw rocks at the enemy a few yards away. The Germans evidently thinking they were grenades, beat a hasty retreat."

WHISKEY HIDDEN IN LIME.

Cleveland Dealer Accused of Violating Dry Law.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 29.—Discovery of barrels of whiskey under bulk lime in two freight cars in Detroit resulted in the arrest by Federal authorities here of a man giving the name of David Moss, a local dealer, on charges of shipping liquor into a dry State. Two men are said to be under arrest in Detroit.

TIFFANY & Co.

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Prices are advancing rapidly and our stock is fast depleting.

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Women's Dressy Gowns of Georgette crepe, satin or serge; also a few chiffon velvet gowns.

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Heretofore \$49.50 to \$79.50

WOMEN'S GOWN SHOP—Third Floor

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(Morning and Sunday Editions Only)

53,272 Columns

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39th Street

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Offered Tomorrow at Less Than Early Season Wholesale Cost

\$29.50

Shawl and
Muffler
Collars
of
Taupe Nutria,
Nutria
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French Seal
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Three New
Smart
Models
All Wool
Velour
Cloth
in
Fashionable
Shades

One of the most remarkable Coat offerings of the season, made possible by the purchase of a leading manufacturer's entire surplus stock. Finely tailored, warmly interlined and lined garments, of extremely good style.

All Winter Coats—Radically Reduced for Clearance.

Third Floor

Corsets—A Clearance At Decided Reductions

Fashionable models of leading makes, remaining from January Sale assortments, and scheduled for quick selling because sizes are incomplete.

All are in novelty materials or plain coutil.

American Lady Corsets

\$1.95 and \$3.95

Lord & Taylor Special Corsets

\$1.65, \$2.95, \$3.95

Mme. Irene Corsets

\$3.95, \$5.95, \$8.50

La Vida Corsets

\$3.95 and \$7.50

Corsets for Stout Figures

(sizes 30 to 39)

A complete assortment of models for short, medium and tall figures in the following makes—Mme. Irene, Elente, Lord & Taylor Specials, "Stylish Stouts", C. B., W. B., Redfern, Warners.

Brassieres for well developed figures, \$1.00 to \$3.50.

Second Floor

Special for Tomorrow Only

400 O-Cedar Mops

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O-Cedar Mop is known to thousands of people. It is excellently made and gives satisfaction in every detail. O-Cedar Mop will last for years. You can wash, clean and renew it with O-Cedar Polish.

Mail and Telephone Orders filled while they last. None C. O. D.



Seventh Floor

Important Reductions Mark the Final Days of the January Linen Sale

Clearance of odd lots and broken lines at price revisions which make this one of the greatest economy opportunities of the year. As instances of the substantial savings:

500 Odd Damask Table Cloths

Superior quality, pure linen.

Reduced to

\$6.95, \$9.38, \$12.50 and \$14.50 each.

Hemmed Huck Towels

Excellent wearing quality.

Reduced to \$2.95 dozen

Pure Irish Linen Pillow Cases

200 Pairs

Reduced to \$2.95 pair

Hemstitched Huck Towels

Damask Borders

Reduced to \$4.50 dozen

Irish Embroidered Bed Spreads, Crib Spreads, Pillow Shams, Tea Cloths, Luncheon Cloths and Lace Trimmed Decorative Linens

Reduced to Close Out Quickly

Second Floor

Annual Clearance

Blankets, Comfortables, Bed Spreads

The accumulation of odd lots, remaining from the January Sale, offered at really remarkable price concessions, to effect an immediate disposal.

White Blankets

(single bed size)

Reduced to

\$3.95, \$6.95 & \$9.50 a pair

Plaid Blankets

at the

Reduced Prices

\$5.00, \$6.00 & \$10.50 a pair

White Blankets

(full bed size)

Reduced to

\$5.00, \$8.75 & \$11.50 a pair

Comfortables

Figured Cambric covered, white cotton filling, reduced to \$3.95 each.

Novelty Mull Covered plain borders, need filled. Reduced to \$7.85 each.

Bed Spreads

Crinkled Durity, easily laundered. \$2.15 to \$2.65 each.

Satin finished, heavy and very durable quality. \$4.35 and \$5.50 each.

Second Floor

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Discharge without pain. No
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